

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1.(Currently Amended) A car seat comprising, in a front part inside a seat cushion $[(1)]$, a catching part $(12, 15)$ extending in a widthwise direction of the seat cushion $[(1)]$ and arranged such as to be movable up and down, and inertial force application means $(13, 17)$ that is activated by an inertial force at the time of rapid deceleration to move the catching part $(12, 15)$ upward.

2.(Currently Amended) The car seat according to claim 1, wherein:
the catching part $(12, 15)$ is supported by a reinforcing member $(2, 6, 10)$ inside the seat cushion $[(1)]$ such that it is swingable up and down around a pivot shaft $[(7)]$ on a rear side of a vehicle relative to the pivot shaft $[(7)]$; and the inertial force application means $(13, 17)$ includes an inertial mass part $[(17)]$ arranged forward of the catching part $(12, 15)$ and the pivot shaft $[(7)]$ and above the pivot shaft $[(7)]$ and a coupling part $[(13)]$ for connecting the inertial mass part $[(17)]$ and the catching part $[(15)]$.

3.(Currently Amended) The car seat according to claim 1 or 2,
wherein

the catching part ~~(12, 15)~~ is coupled to a support spring member ~~[(4)]~~ that supports a lower side of the seat cushion ~~[(1)]~~, using an elastic member ~~[(34)]~~ having a smaller maximum tension force than the inertial force that acts during rapid deceleration.

4.(Currently Amended) The car seat according to claim 1, comprising locking means ~~(18, 21, 22, 44, 45, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66)~~ for stopping downward movement of the catching part ~~(12, 42, 15)~~ that is moved upward by the inertial force during rapid deceleration.

5.(Currently Amended) The car seat according to claim 4, wherein the locking means ~~(18, 21, 22, 44, 45, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66)~~ comprises: a locking member ~~(45, 63, 66)~~ that is always kept in contact with a support member ~~[(41)]~~ with biasing means ~~[(46)]~~, the support member ~~[(41)]~~ coupling and supporting the catching part ~~[(15)]~~ and the inertial mass part ~~[(17)]~~ with each other; and an engagement portion ~~(44, 61, 62, 65)~~ formed to the support member ~~(11, 41)~~ to be engaged with the locking member ~~(45, 63, 66)~~ when the catching part ~~(11, 15)~~ moves more than a predetermined distance.

6.(Currently Amended) The car seat according to claim 5, wherein:
the support member [(41)] has two extensions from the pivot shaft [(7)] toward the catching part side [(42)] and the inertial mass part side [(43)]; the latter [(43)] is substantially J-shaped when viewed from one side of the vehicle; the locking member [(45)] is arranged on the front side of the vehicle relative to the support member [(41)]; and a curved portion at the front end of the letter J of the support member [(41)] forms an engagement portion [(44)] to be engaged with the locking member [(45)].